SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2012, pursuant to Senate Rule 20, the Senate President appointed a Senate Special Committee on Accountability to conduct informational briefings to review the oversight, accountability, and transparency of the operational and financial management of the University of Hawaii System, including but not limited to the University of Hawaii's Athletic Department; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held informational briefings on September 24, 2012, and October 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during the informational briefings, the Committee focused on, among other things, the oversight and transparency of the University's fiscal and operational administration, including the role of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that the Legislative Auditor be directed to conduct a financial and management audit of the University of Hawaii System to specifically address the issues and concerns raised by the Committee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative Auditor is requested to address the issues and concerns raised by the Senate Special Committee on Accountability in Senate Special Committee Report No. 2, 2012, and evaluate, among other things:

(1) The oversight and transparency of the University of Hawaii System's fiscal and operational administration, including the role of the Board of Regents;

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(2) The use of procurement exemptions for services related to legal, consulting, and public relations service contracts or agreements;

(3) The guidelines used by the University of Hawaii System or its campuses to procure outside legal, consulting, and public relations services, including any such services procured through the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii; and

(4) Enterprise risk management, including fraud, waste, and abuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Auditor is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014, containing findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the management and financial audit of the University of Hawaii System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Legislative Auditor, Chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and President of the University of Hawaii System.